1st ARMORED DIVISION

Holiday Safety Brief

The holiday season is a time to celebrate with family and friends and to

give thanks for our good fortunes. Unfortunately, the holiday season

can also be a time when mishaps can and often do occur. We have

put together this information for you to decrease the chances of being

involved in a mishap.

Overview

- ***Vehicle Safety***
- ***Home Heating***
- ***Holiday Decorations***
- ***Holiday Get-Together***
- ***Personal Protection***

Driving Safety

If you are going to drink…do not drive

Alcohol is a stimulant and can slow your reflexes

- ***Driving Safety***

Seatbelts are mandatory by order of the Dept of
Defense and German Law.

Speed limits are designed with safety in mind..but
you should adjust your driving habits based on the local
environmental conditions

- ***Home Heating***

When using space heaters always place them at least 36 inches away

from flammable/combustible materials

Do not leave space heaters unattended or in use while sleeping

Ensure the heater is UL approved and is equipped with a safety

tip-over switch

- ***Home Heating***

Before using your fireplace, check the flue for proper operation

Have the chimney inspected at least once a year (It's the law in

Germany)

Use a fire screen and only burn material that is

appropriate for fireplaces

- ***Holiday Decorations***

Use only UL approved electrical decorations

Always inspect these decorations for frayed/bare wires or loose
connections

Discard damaged lighting sets

Always unplug your decorations when you go to bed or leave the
house

- ***Holiday Decorations***

Place Christmas trees, live and artificial, away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources

If using a live tree, keep it watered

Ensure decorations are kept out of your children's and pet's reach

Stay away from Mistletoe and holly as these can be poisonous if swallowed

Keep a fire extinguisher handy

- ***Holiday Get-Together***

Take your role as a host seriously

Ensure designated drivers are available

Offer non- alcoholic as well as alcoholic beverages for your guests

Provide plenty of food so your guest will not have to drink

on an empty stomach

- ***Holiday Get-Together***

Plan plenty of group activities..like party games

Invite guests who are compatible so no one fells left out of the
crowd…lonely or unfriendly people often drink to excess

Don’t push drinks…drinking at a party in not mandatory for having
a good time

- ***Personal Protection***

When shopping, always be alert…stay in well lit areas

If you carry a purse, keep it in front of you and close to your
body

Carry your keys in your pocket..in the event of purse snatching the
purse may have your home address but not the keys to the house

- ***Personal Protection***

Try to shop with family and friends…there is safety in numbers

Never carry large amounts of cash

Dress casually…thieves and pickpockets are attracted to expensive

clothes and jewelry

Park in a well-lit parking area and secure your car

- ***Finally, enjoy the holiday season and family and friends by***

slowing down and relaxing

From the staff of the Division Safety Office:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!